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Dear Earl,

We appreciate your interest and enthusiasm very,very much. And, of course, we hope that something comes of it.

How much of the great amount I have on paper as a record for our history can be commercially attractive is a question. I do believe that despite the focus, on the dubious and bad works, it they were properly edited by a publisher who would keep them in stock they would at the least pay for themselves and with luck make a little money. More than a little if there were to be a major break on the subject.

If there is such a major break, and I am not predicting it and do not think that for the immediate future it is likely, then what I have published would have value, possibly considerable value.

If as I think you are you are familiar with the field, then virtually all of the fact was brought to light in my books. Sylvia Meagher's magnificent book came later and was largely duplicative. Lane's book was dated when it appeared.

Professional scholars feared the subject. The few who addressed it in any way, like that phony Kurtz in Louisiana, disgraced themselves. Epstein did, too, except that the major media liked his wrongheadedness very much. As did the politically conservative.

Most of the factual work is mine and is copyrighted one way or another. Whether that will mean anything more than it has only time will tell.

The main reason I write is to say thanks again as in yesterday's rush I did not.

Apropos of the comment of your friend in the Shapiro office, part of what was edited out of Case Open was my mustering of the official evidence that proved without question that Oswald was not and was known not to have been at the scene of the crime at the time of the crime. It is not only that people like your friend have not taken the time to learn the fact- they are more comfortable with their acceptance of the official mythology. The official evidence is that Oswald could not have been the assassin and the FBI and the Commission knew it.

For your friend with Maryland magazine, there are quite a few little-known and interesting Civil War stories here.

Again our thanks, and best wishes,

Harold

Hood's vice president for properties, Bruce Bigelow, was here this morning. He is a professional historian and he was impressed, he said. They will keep their word and they will make the books available when we cannot. They are also interested in the copyrights. He struck me as a fine person.

To go with the Russell article I looked for and cannot find a fine letter from a law professor on the faculty at the Univ. of Georgia. If I find it I'll send it. A couple of others I recalled and could retrieve are enclosed.

I've not made an inventory but at casual glance this morning I have at least two book-length manuscripts that have not been retyped. It may be that Bigelow will think of a student or two.

The student retyping Honorable Men should be close to done. The corrections should not take long. I think he can then undertake another retyping.

There are other letters like the enclosed from professors. I could recall these two names so I could retrieve and copy.

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